

Mr. Hughlett presented a petition of Paul Sheppard, of the town of Easton, in Talbot county, praying that a law may be passed authorising and directing the treasurer of the eastern shore to pay him for services rendered the state, in attendance on the court of appeals for the eastern shore, &c. which petition was referred to the committee on claims.

Mr. Hughlett also presented a petition of Ann Spedden, of Talbot county, the widow of Robert Spedden, late of said county, deceased, who was a soldier of the revolutionary army, praying to be placed on the pension list of the state, &c.

Mr. Townsend presented a petition of Julia Gwynn, of the city of Baltimore, the widow of John Gwynn, late a soldier attached to the fourth regiment, Maryland line, during the revolutionary war, praying to be placed on the pension list of the state.

Ordered, That the two last mentioned petitions be severally referred to the committee on pensions and revolutionary claims.

Mr. Stewart of Anne-Arundel, presented a petition of Joseph M. Tate, of Anne-Arundel county, praying for the passage of a law relinquishing the right of the state to certain property therein mentioned, and counter to a petition of William Ringgold, of Queen-Anne's county, presented by Mr. Grason, on the 17th instant, upon that subject; which was referred to the committee to whom has been referred the petition to which this is counter, And,

On motion by Mr. Stewart of Anne-Arundel, the said committee was enlarged by adding thereto Messrs. Stewart of Anne-Arundel, and Kent.

Mr. Miller presented a petition of sundry citizens of Washington county, praying that a stone bridge may be erected across the Anteatum, on the road leading from William's-Port to New-Town, (Trap,) in Frederick county; which petition was referred to a select committee, consisting of Messrs. Miller, Yoe, and Shafer.

Mr. Semmes presented a petition of sundry citizens of the village of Nottingham, in Prince-George's county, praying that a law may pass to prevent hogs being kept in styes, in said village;

Mr. Semmes also presented a memorial of sundry inhabitants of the said village, praying for a repeal of the act passed at November session 1798, to prohibit geese and swine from going at large in said village.

Ordered, That the petition and memorial, last mentioned, be severally referred to a select committee, consisting of Messrs. Semmes, Somervell and Gantt.

The Speaker laid before the house a communication from